

ELEMENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Element: 2.1.3 Manual Distribution

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To distribute accepted/approved manuals.

Objective (FAA responsibility): To determine if the Air Carrier follows its procedures and controls for the Manual distribution process.

Inputs:

• Accepted/Approved Manuals

Outputs:

• Distribution of manuals as required by 121.137 (a).

Performance Measures:

• Those who need manuals have access to them.

SRR:

- 121.137 (a-c) Distribution and availability
- 121.360 (b) Ground proximity warning / glide slope deviation alerting system

Other CFRs and/or FAA Guidance:

- 14 CFR 119.65 (e) Management personnel required for operations conducted under part 121 of this chapter.
- 14 CFR 121.135 (a-c) Manuals: Contents
- 14 CFR 121.141 (b) Airplane Flight Manual
- 14 CFR 121.369 (a, b) Manual Requirements

SRR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SRR	Intent	Inspectors
121.137 (a)	To require that an air carrier provide manuals	Certification: Operations
	to its employees and the FAA.	and
		Maintenance
		Surveillance: Operations
		and
		Maintenance
121.137 (b)	TBD	Certification:
		Surveillance:
121.137 (c)	To require that any alternate means of	Certification: Operations
	distributing a carrier's maintenance manuals	and
	be acceptable to the FAA and in English.	Maintenance
		Surveillance: Operations
		and
		Maintenance
121.360 (b)	TBD	Certification:
		Surveillance:

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SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBILITY ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person who is accountable for the quality of the Distribution process.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:			
1. Identify the person who is responsible for the quality of the Manual	Distribution process.		
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and r	esponsibilities of the person.		
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume', if appropriate).			
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.			
5. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with the person.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who is answerable for the quality of the Manual Distribution process?	YES If yes, provide the name: No If no, explain:		
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
6. Is the responsibility of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:		
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:		
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:		
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:		
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has responsibility for the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
10. Does the person know who has authority to establish and modify the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		

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SECTION 2 – AUTHORITY ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person with the authority to establish and modify the Distribution process.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:			
1. Identify the person who has the authority to establish or modify the N	Manual Distribution process.		
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and re-	esponsibilities of the person.		
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume'	, if appropriate).		
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.			
5. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with the person.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who has authority to establish and modify the air carrier's policies for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If yes, provide the name: NO If no, explain:		
Does the person understand the procedures associated with the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
6. Is the authority of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:		
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:		
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:		
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:		
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has authority for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
10. Does the individual know who has the responsibility for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		
11. Are the procedures for delegation of authority clearly documented for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		

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SECTION 3 – PROCEDURES ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if the air carrier has documented procedures for accomplishing the Distribution process.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks.			
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the N ensure that they contain who, what, where, when, and how.	Manual Distribution process to		
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (Supplemental information section of this SAI.	SRR) included in the		
3. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with appropriate personnel to gain an understanding of the procedures.			
4. Observe the Manual Distribution process to gain an understanding of the procedures.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
1. Do written procedures exist to achieve the desired result of the Manu	nal Distribution process:		
1.1 Do procedures exist to ensure that the carrier provides its personnel and FAA inspectors with manuals? [SRR 121.137 (a)]	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
1.2 Do procedures exist to ensure that any alternate means of distributing the air carrier's maintenance manuals be acceptable to the FAA and in English? [SRR 121.137 (c)]	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
2. Do the procedures identify: who, what, where, when and how?	YES If no, explain: No		
3. Are the procedures in compliance with the CFR(s)?	YES If no, explain: No		
4. Do the procedures conform to other written guidance (E.g., Operations Specifications, FAA Orders, Airworthiness Directives, Advisory Circulars, Handbook Bulletins, Directives, and Manufacturer's Recommendations)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
5. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the written procedures for the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
6. If alternate procedures exist for use during irregular conditions, do they achieve the same desired results as the primary procedures so that an equivalent level of safety is maintained? (E.g., a manual system used as a result of equipment failure).	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A, No alternate procedures exist for this element		
7. Are the procedures published in different manuals relating to the Manual Distribution process consistent?	YES If no, explain:		
8. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of procedural changes to the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		

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SECTION 4 – CONTROL ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if checks and restraints are designed into the Distribution process to ensure a			
desired result is achieved.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:			
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the Manual Distribution process.			
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this SAI			
3. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with appropriate personnel to gain an understanding of the controls.			
4. Observe the Manual Distribution process to gain an understanding of	f the controls.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
1. Are the following checks and restraints built into the Manual Distribution	ution process:		
1.1 Are manuals only distributed through the air carrier's "clearinghouse" (e.g., Tech Library or Publications Department)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
1.2 Does the air carrier require the receipt of revision to contain the revision number and signature of the manual holder?	YES If no, explain: No		
1.3 Does the air carrier prohibit unauthorized reproduction of manuals?	YES If no, explain:		
1.4 Does every manual have a unique serial number?	YES If no, explain:		
1.5 Does the air carrier identify, by name, each manual holder?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ No		
1.6 Does the air carrier have a distribution tracking system that identifies holders of specific manuals?	YES If no, explain:		
1.7 Does the air carrier require verification of receipt from the manual holder?	YES If no, explain:		
2. Do the checks and restraints ensure the desired result is achieved for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain: No		
3. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of any changes made to checks and restraints in the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
4. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the checks and restraints for the Manual Distribution process?	YES If no, explain:		

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SECTION 5 - PROCESS MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if the air carrier measures and assesses the Distribution process, to identify and correct problems or potential problems.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:			
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the Manual Distribution process.			
2. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with appropriate personnel to gain an understanding of the process measures.			
3. Observe the Manual Distribution process to gain an understanding of the process measures.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
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2. Does the air carrier's Manual Distribution process include the following process measurements?			
2.1 An independent audit of manuals to ensure currency, completeness, and authenticity.	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
2.2 An independent auditor tracks and analyzes distribution problems, and provides feedback to manual distributor(s).	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
3. Does the air carrier document their process measurement methods and results?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
4. Are the air carrier's process measurement methods effective?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
5. Does the air carrier use their process measurement results to improve their programs?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
6. Are the process measurement results accessible to the FAA?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
7. Does the organization that conducts the process measurement have direct access to the person with responsibility for the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		
8. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the process measurement for the Manual Distribution process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO		

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SECTION 6 – INTERFACES ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if the air carrier identifies and manages the interactions between the Distribution process and the other element processes within the air carrier organization.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following task.			
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the	Manual Distribution process.		
2. Discuss the Manual Distribution process with appropriate personne interfaces	l to gain an understanding of the		
3. Observe the Manual Distribution process to gain an understanding of the interfaces.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to the following questions:			
1. Are the following interfaces identified for the Manual Distribution process:			
1.1 Outsource Organization (Element 1.3.7)	YES If no, explain:		
1.2 Manuals (System 2.0)	YES If no, explain:		
1.3 Outsource Crewmember Training (Element 4.2.9)	YES If no, explain:		
1.4 Line Stations (Servicing and Maintenance) (Element 5.1.1)	YES If no, explain:		
2. List any additional interfaces identified:			
3. Are there written procedures for the use of air carrier personnel in the application of these interfaces?	YES If no, explain:		
4. Are there controls to ensure that interfaces occur?	YES If no, explain:		
5. Are the interfaces between the Manual Distribution process and other processes treated consistently in the Manual(s)?	YES If no, explain:		